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West Valley City to hold Crime Prevention Seminar about Graffiti Awareness

West Valley City – On Monday, June 9, 2009 West Valley City will hold a FREE Crime Prevention Seminar about Graffiti awareness at the West Valley City Family Fitness Center, 5415 West 3100 South, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Officer Jacob Shafizadeh, West Valley City's Graffiti Specialist from the City's Code Enforcement division will make a presentation about current graffiti trends, how residents can better protect their homes, and methods to remove graffiti quickly.

"Graffiti is a crime and an eyesore," says Officer Shafizadeh. "The faster residents are able to report the vandalism and remove the graffiti, the less chance they have of being hit again."

In addition to Officer Shafizadeh, representatives from West Valley City's Police Department and Neighborhood Services Office will be available to answer additional questions.

This is the continuation of a yearlong series of FREE seminars held monthly with specific topics of concern to residents. The topics were selected from input made by West Valley City's Neighborhood Watch groups. Presentations at the seminars are made by experts from around Salt Lake County. Families interested in learning how they can work together to understand crime and make their neighborhoods safer are invited to attend. Youth of all ages can be great crime fighters in a neighborhood, they often see and hear things in their circles of friends that adults do not hear or see.

"The more information and tools residents have in their hands, the better equipped they are to help make their neighborhoods safer and cleaner," says Mayor Dennis Nordfelt. "Every resident can help the City understand what is happening in their neighborhood – they are the eyes and ears of West Valley City."

Future FREE seminars include Home Safety (July 13), ID Theft and Senior Fraud (August 10), Emergency Preparedness (September 14), Domestic Violence awareness (October 19) and Gang Awareness (November 9). A complete schedule of the seminars is available on the West Valley City website, www.wvc-ut.gov/prevention.